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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH UAE FONMIN SUWAIDI EVENING OF DECEMBER 12, I ASKED HIM WHETHER UAEG HAD AGREED TO COVER BALANCE DUE ON SALE OF SIX C-130 AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT. SUWAIDI SAID THAT EGYPTIAN VP HUSNI MUBARAK HAD INDEED RAISED SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT TO ABU DHABI ON NOVEMBER 20 AND WITH SHAIKH ZAYID THE PREVIOUS DAY WHEN BOTH WERE VISITING MUSCAT FOR OMANI NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS. ZAYID HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HELP. AFTER BEING INFORMED BY MUBARAK THAT AMOUNT WOULD TOTAL 38 MILLION DOLLARS (MY IMPRESSION THAT FIGURE WAS CONVEYED TO UAE OFFICIALS WHEN MUBARAK ARRIVED IN ABU DHABI), SUWAIDI SAID UAE GOVERNMENT HAD TOLD EGYPTIANS THAT FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET (ALL FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR FOREIGN AID IN ABU DHABI BUDGET HAVE BEEN SPENT THIS YEAR). EGYPTIANS HAD ALSO BEEN ASKED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS. SPECIFICALLY, UAEG WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HAD BEEN PAID, WHAT PAYMENTS ARE STILL DUE, CAN THESE PAYMENTS BE STAGGERED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, AND WHO IS TO BE THE PAYEE.

2. I DID NOT INDICATE TO SUWAIDI WHAT AMOUNT WAS DUE BUT I SAID THAT IF THERE WAS ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH UAEG DESIRED FROM USG CONCERNING THIS SALE, I FELT SURE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO PROVIDE IT. SUWAIDI SAID THAT HE THOUGHT UAEG WOULD WANT FURTHER INFORMATION FROM US AND THAT HE OR MINSTATE
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GHUBBASH WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME.

3. WHILE NEXT FISCAL YEAR HERE BEGINS ON JANUARY 1 AND PRE-SUMABLY APYMENT WOULD BE MADE FROM ABU DHABI BUDGET AS OPPOSED TO FEDERAL UAE BUDGET, WHOLE BUDGETARY PROCESS IN UAE THIS YEAR HAS BEEN DELAYED BY CONTINUING DISCUSSION OVER HOW MUCH EACH INDIVIDUAL EMIRATE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO UAE FEDERAL BUDGET. THIS INTERNAL UAE BUDGET PROBLEM COULD DELAY AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS NEXT YEAR. SINCE PROJECT IS APPARENTLY RUNNING SHORT OF FUNDS, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT A STATEMENT THAT I CAN GIVE UAEG OF EXACT AMOUNT THAT IS STILL OUTSTANDING, THE TIMETABLE FOR PAYMENTS, AND HOW TO PROCESS PAYMENTS. SOONER I CAN FURNISH UAEG DETAILED STATEMENT ON BALANCE DUE FOR C-130S, THE BETTER.
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